



FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: 60-Day Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Maritime Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Maritime Commission (Commission) invites comments on the continuing information collection (extension of the information collection with no changes) listed below in this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before *60 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER*.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments to:

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Please reference the information collection's title and OMB number in your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the information collection and instructions, or copies of any comments received, may be obtained by contacting Donna Lee at (202) 523-5800 or e-mail: omd@fmc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Request for Comments

The Federal Maritime Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the

continuing information collection listed in this notice, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be included or summarized in our request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the relevant information collection. All comments are part of the public record and subject to disclosure. Please do not include any confidential or inappropriate material in your comments. We invite comments on: (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Information Collection Open for Comment

Title: 46 CFR 515 – Licensing, Financial Responsibility Requirements, and General Duties for Ocean Transportation Intermediaries and Related Forms.

OMB Approval Number: 3072-0018 (Expires March 31, 2019).

Abstract: The Shipping Act of 1984 (the “Act”), 46 U.S.C. 40101-41309 (2006), as modified by Public Law 105-258 (The Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 1998) and Section 424 of Public Law 105-383 (The Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1998), provides that no person in the United States may act as an ocean transportation intermediary (OTI) unless that person holds a license issued by the Commission. The Commission shall issue an OTI license to any person that the Commission determines to be qualified by experience and character to act as an OTI. Further, no person may act as an OTI unless that person furnishes a bond, proof of insurance or other surety in a form and amount determined by the Commission to ensure financial responsibility. The Commission has implemented the provisions of section 19 in regulations

contained in 46 CFR Part 515, including financial responsibility Forms FMC-48, FMC-67, FMC-68, and FMC-69, Optional Rider Forms FMC-48A and FMC-69A, its related license application Form, FMC-18, and the related foreign-based unlicensed NVOCC registration/renewal Form FMC-65.

Current Actions: There are no changes to this information collection, and it is being submitted for extension purposes only.

Type of Review: Extension.

Needs and Uses: The Commission uses information obtained under this part and through Form FMC-18 to determine the qualifications of OTIs and their compliance with shipping statutes and regulations and to enable the Commission to discharge its duties under the Act by ensuring that OTIs maintain acceptable evidence of financial responsibility. If the collection of information were not conducted, there would be no basis upon which the Commission could determine if applicants are qualified for licensing. The Commission would also not be able to effectively assess the compliance of foreign-based unlicensed NVOCCs without the required registration information.

Frequency: This information is collected when applicants apply for a license or registration, complete the triennial renewal, or when existing licensees or registrants change certain information in their application forms.

Type of Respondents: The types of respondents are persons desiring to obtain or maintain a license or registration to act as an OTI. Under the Act, OTIs may be either an ocean freight forwarder, a non-vessel-operating common carrier, or both.

Number of Annual Respondents: The Commission estimates a potential annual respondent universe of 6,475 entities.

Estimated Time Per Response: The time per response for completing application Form FMC-18 averages 2 hours and to complete the triennial renewal is 10 minutes. The time to complete a financial responsibility form averages 20 minutes. The time to complete Form FMC-65 to register or renew a registration as a foreign-based NVOCC averages 10 minutes.

Total Annual Burden: The Commission estimates the total annual person-hour burden at 3,941 person-hours.

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